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08/098/818-/814 03/14/96 SERIAL NUMBER | FILING DATE | JOHNSON AMED APPLICANT B ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 33M1/0509 THEODORE F NEILS KINNEY & LANGE ASHEXAMINER SUITE 1500 625 4TH AVENUE SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS MN 55415-1659 PAPER NUMBER

> Below is a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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ADVISORY ACTION
THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE:
a) [X] is extended to runor continues to run 3 mos_ from the date of the final rejection
b) a expires three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.
Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The date on which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.
Appellant's Brief is due in accordance with 37 CFR 1.192(a). Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed 5/0/97 has been considered with the following effect, but it is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:
1. The proposed amendments to the claim and /or specification will not be entered and the final rejection stands because:
 a. There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented.
b. They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See Note).
c. They raise the issue of new matter. (See Note).
d. They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.
e. They present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
NOTE:
Newly proposed or amended claims would be allowed if submitted in a separately filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.
3. Upon the filing an appeal, the proposed amendment will be entered will not be entered and the status of the daims will be as follows:
Claims allowed: Claims objected to: Claims rejected: However;
Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s):
4. If The attidavit exhibit near equest for reconsideration has been considered but does not overcome the rejection because of the condition of claim 10 - applicant recites "said engagement noons," or for to the provision of such (so lines 9t). Also, claims 10 t 10, so "expose" Vs. The affidavit or exhibit will not be considered because applicant has not shown good and sufficent reasons why it was not earlier
presented.
The proposed drawing correction has has not been approved by the examiner. Mother "exposed". If an amendment AF is filed, accompanied by the required fee, that makes the amendments of the 4118/97 paper and the changes indicated above, AND NOTHING ELSE, PROLING (REV. 5-89) the case would appear to be allowable. Wimberly L ASHER PRIMARY EXAMINER GROUP 3300